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TOAL, Jean Hoefer (Richland Co.)—*b.* Aug. 11, 1943 in Columbia; *d.* the late Herbert W. and the late Lilla (Farrell) Hoefer; *g.* Agnes Scott Coll., B.A. in Philosophy, 1965; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1968; *m.* William Thomas Toal, 2 daughters, Jean Toal Eisen and Lilla Patrick Toal Mandsager; Managing Editor, *S.C. Law Review*; Phi Beta Kappa; Mortar Bd.; Order of the Coif; Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, Univ. of S.C., 1991; Agnes

Scott Coll., Outstanding Alumnae Award, 1991; Cola. Coll., 1992; Chm., S.C. Juvenile Justice Task Force, 1992–94; John W. Williams Award, Richland Co. Bar, 1994; Jean Galloway Bissell Award, S.C. Women Lawyers Assn., 1995; Portrait Honoree, S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn., 1995; Hon. Doc. of Humane Letters, Coll. of Charleston, 1990; Hon. Doctor of Law, Columbia Coll., 1993; The Citadel, 1999; Francis Marion Univ., 1999; Univ. of S.C., 2000; Charleston Law School, 2007; Converse Coll., 2008; 2002 Govt. Technology Top 25, Doers, Dreamers & Drivers Award; ABA Margaret Brent Award, 2004; Lector, St. Joseph's Catholic Church; John Belton O'Neill Inn of Court; Bd. of

Dirs., Conf. of Chief Justices; Immediate past Pres., Conf. of Chief Justices; Immediate past Chair, Bd. of Dirs., Natl. Center for State Courts; Private Law Practice, Haynsworth, Perry, Bryant, Marion & Johnstone, 1968–70; Belser, Baker, Barwick, Ravenel, Toal & Bender, 1970–88; mem.: S.C. Human Affairs Comm., 1972–74; S.C. House of Reps., 1975–88; Chm., House Rules Com., 1980–88; elected Assoc. Justice Jan. 27, 1988 to fill unexpired term of George Tillman Gregory, Jr., elected Chief Justice; qualified Mar. 17, 1988; re-elected Feb. 14, 1996; elected Chief Justice June 2, 1999 to fill the unexpired term of Chief Justice Ernest A. Finney, Jr., retired; installed Mar. 23, 2000, serving continuously since.

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**JOHN HENRY WALLER, JR., Associate Justice, Seat 4,
of Mullins. Term expires July 31, 2012. Home Address:
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WALLER, John Henry, Jr. (Marion Co.)—
b. Oct. 31, 1937 in Mullins; s. the late J. Henry
and Elnita (Rabon) Waller; g. Wofford Coll.,
A.B., 1959; Univ. of S.C., LL.B., J.D., 1963;
4 children, John Henry III, Melissa McLaurin,
Ryan Meares, and Rand Ellis; Dem. Exec.
Committeeman, 1964–66; Mason; Shriner,
Potentates Aid; Kappa Sigma Frat.; past Secy.,



Jaycees; 1967 recipient of Alpha Nu of Kappa Sigma Frat. Man
of the Year Award; Distinguished Serv. Award of Municipal
Assn. of S.C., 1968; House Majority Leader, 1975–76, Asst.,
1973–74; charter mem. & 1st Pres., Mullins Rotary Club,
1973; charter mem. & mem., 1st Bd. of Dirs., Pineland Coun-
try Club; mem., Macedonia Methodist Church; elected to
State Reorganization Comm., 1974; Chm., Circuit Court
Judges Adv. Comm.; Chm., Judicial Standards Comm.; Hon.
J.D., Wofford Coll., 2002; Hon. Doctor of Humanities, Fran-
cis Marion Univ., 2003; mil. serv.: discharged as Capt., USA
in branch of Armor; mem., House of Reps., 1967–76; Sen.,
1977–June 10, 1980; elected resident Judge of the Twelfth
Judicial Circuit Mar. 18, 1980 to fill the unexpired term of
David W. Harwell, elected to Supreme Court; qualified June 6,

1980; serving until elected Assoc. Justice on May 11, 1994 to fill the unexpired term of A. Lee Chandler, elected Chief Justice; qualified June 29, 1994, serving continuously since.

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PLEICONES, Costa M. (Richland Co.)—
b. 1944 in Greenville; *s.* the late Michael J. and Lecha P. Pleicones; *g.* Wofford Coll., A.B., 1965; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1968; married, with 2 adult children; elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit Feb. 6, 1991–00; elected Assoc. Justice Feb. 9, 2000 to fill the unexpired term of Jean H. Toal, elected Chief Justice; qualified

Mar. 23, 2000, serving continuously since.

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DONALD W. “DON” BEATTY, Associate Justice, Seat 5, of Spartanburg. Term expires July 31, 2010. Tel. (864) 596-3450, Fax (864) 596-2202.



BEATTY, Donald W. “Don” (Spartanburg Co.)—*s.* Arthur and Ruth Beatty; *g.* S.C. State Univ., B.A., 1974; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1979; Feb. 23, 1985 *m.* Angela D. Chestnut, 3 children, Brandon, Austine, and Morgan; mem., City Council, City of Spartanburg, 1988–90; mil. serv.: Off., USA; House of Reps., 1991–95; Judge of the Seventh Circuit, 1995–03; Court

of Appeals, 2003–07; elected to Supreme Court May 23, 2007 to fulfill unexpired term of E. C. Burnett, retired; qualified Aug. 10, 2007.

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JOHN WILLIAMSON KITTREDGE, Associate Justice,
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KITTREDGE, John Williamson (Greenville Co.)—*b.* Sept. 28, 1956 in Greenville; *s.* the late E. H. Kittredge, Jr. and Marian J. Kittredge; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., *summa cum laude*, 1979, J.D., 1982; June 20, 1981 *m.* Lila Graham Hewell, 3 children, Lila Marian, Will, and Zay; Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Coif; Order of the Wig & Robe; past Pres., Crimestoppers of Greenville; past Chm., City of Greenville Civil Serv. Comm.; past mem., Gov.'s Com. on Criminal Justice, Crime & Delinquency; past Bd. mem. & VP, Greenville Tech. Coll. Foundation; past mem., S.C. Jt. Legis. Com. on Children; Gov.'s Juvenile Justice Task Force, 1995–98; First Presbyterian Church; elected Family Court Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit, May 8, 1991 and served continuously until elected Judge at-large, Seat 11, Feb. 14, 1996; qualified May 3, 1996; served continuously until elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit May 6, 1998; qualified June 9, 1998, served continuously until elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 3, May 28, 2003–08, served continuously until elected Assoc. Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat 3, Feb. 6, 2008 to succeed James E. Moore, retired; qualified May 14, 2008.



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